

and a night thunderstorm
destroying several houses which
spoiled the Genl's Illumination
& fireworks & better the fine
view from the Citadelle

More when we meet & best
greetings to Mr Gray

Ever truly yours

I Wall

Yes we shall act on your
advice about luggage
hope that all our throats
& stomachs will be in prime
order at Philadth

Montreal Tuesday 2 Sept

My dear Gray - I have found
it difficult to write or to make
up my mind as to our course
because I found myself so unfit
for another gathering or for what
attracted me still more, the prospect
of a trip with you to the Alleghanies -
I arrived here with my stomach much
out of order & the Montreal water
finished the business - Only to-day
I feel myself getting right again
& I know that a day or two of quiet
ought to make me all right & fit
for work After deliberating with my
wife we have decided to leave
this on Thursday morning by

the special train & stop at Saratoga
remain there a clear day & go on
to Philadelphia on Saturday morning.
Now with regard to the invitation
to Mr Redfield's which has never
reached us but which from what
you told me exists somewhere -
we feel that it would be quite wrong
at a moment when Mr Redfield
probably has many friends whom
he wishes to invite for us to keep
a vacant space in his house
from Wednesday to Saturday
I will therefore ask you while
thanking Mr Redfield sincerely
for his proffered hospitality to
explain the state of the case &
say that we cannot think of standing
in the way of his hospitality to others.
Should he however still express a wish

to retain us I authorize you to
accept on our behalf with many thanks.
In the opposite alternative I must add
to all the other trouble we have given
you by begging you to secure lodging
in a hotel - either one good room with
two beds or a bed & a sofa (for we are
both bad sleepers) or two rooms side by side
& to write a line to United States Hotel
Saratoga Springs N.Y. - If posted
on Thursday I suppose that I shall
get it on Friday -

I am much distressed at what
you tell me of the Dyers - Of course
I have long been uneasy about
Harriet's health & was not satisfied
with Dyer's condition but not prepared
for such an unfavorable report -

Our Quebec excursion ~~with~~ was
much marred by heavy rain